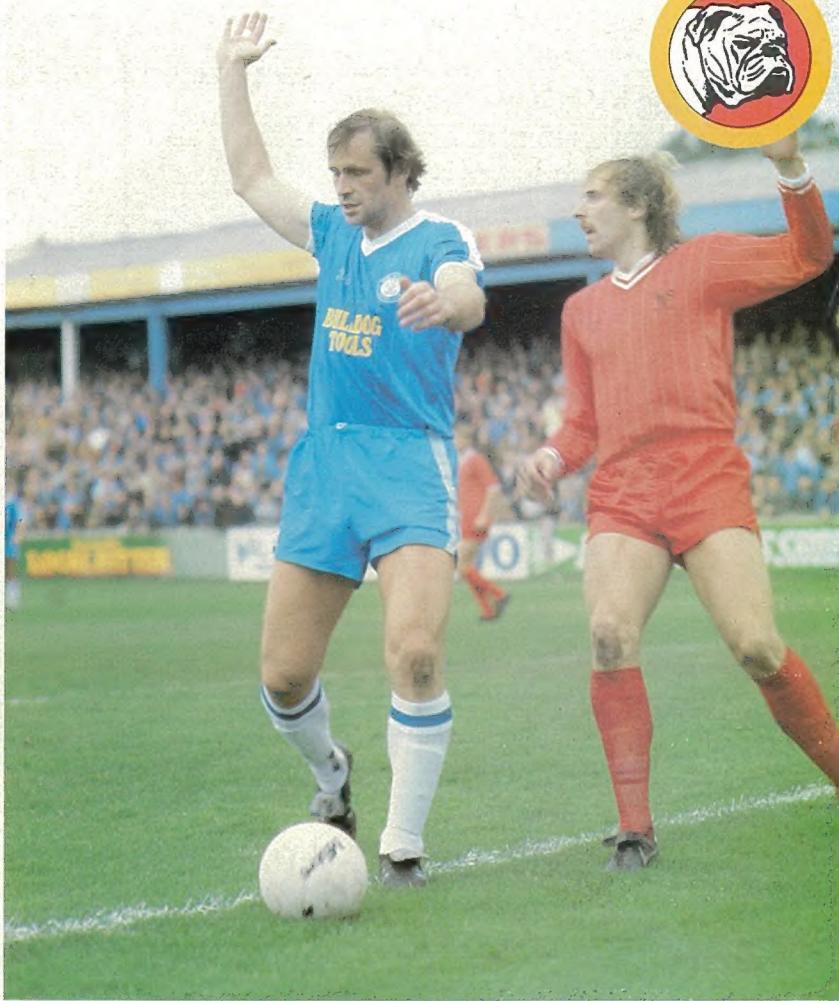


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# LARRY



# LLOYD

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Division in the last weeks of the season. Our problem now is one of not scoring goals. We have been working very hard during the week to improve this aspect of our game and by twenty-to-five this afternoon we will know if the hard work has paid dividends.

David Lowe seems to go from strength to strength and I am sure you would join with me in congratulating him on being selected for the England Youth Squad to play the Combined Services.

My staff and I are now actively engaged in visiting schools and youth clubs in the area to give coaching sessions and talks. Hopefully our meetings with the youngsters of the town will cement a fine relationship. The youth of Wigan are the lifeline for the future of the Latics and we aim to make them feel part of the club as much as possible.

To you older folks, our loyal supporters who, when numbers dwindle, are still here, enjoy the game and thanks for your support.

Best wishes,

**Larry Lloyd.**



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# THIRD DIVISION

## *Round Up*

by Harold Ashurst

NEWPORT County have emerged as the latest club to feel soccer's financial pinch and there is a possibility that this season could well be the last at Somerton Park.

At Newport's game with Latics last weekend there was a pre-match announcement to supporters to help the club in any way possible — by buying lottery tickets, bringing friends to matches and so on.

But after the game a club spokesman told me, "We have arranged to borrow £150,000 from the local council, but they will only lend us the cash if we can raise another £100,000 of our own accord.

"We are now trying everything in our power to do this. The situation is critical, make no mistake about it, and there is a real possibility that this season could be the last".

It's becoming a familiar story now though. Clubs are crying poverty and although it's certain they are all in dire financial straits it makes one wonder if all the talk about clubs

folding up is really necessary because the soccer public will only believe that when one goes to the wall. There have been a few too many "crying wolf" in recent weeks.

But from one club in the middle of a crisis to another who seem to be emerging into a new era.

Lincoln City have finally solved their boardroom crisis that threatened the future of the club, and last week they were taken over by a millionaire potato farmer.

Is he going to sow the seeds of success or are the chips down for manager Colin Murphy? Sorry I couldn't resist it!

Sheffield United's highly rated but temperamental winger Terry Curran went on the list at his own request this week and could well be the target for Everton, with whom he spent a loan period earlier in the season.

Curran was signed by Ian Porterfield from neighbours Sheffield Wednesday in the close-season.

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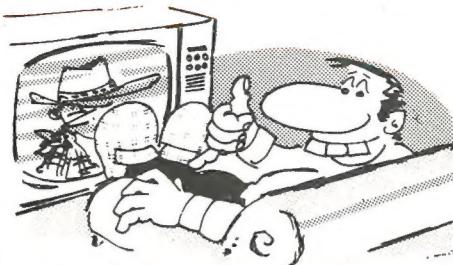
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Saturday, 2nd April, 1983

**WALSALL -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC**

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

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Monday, 4th April, 1983

**WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- WREXHAM**

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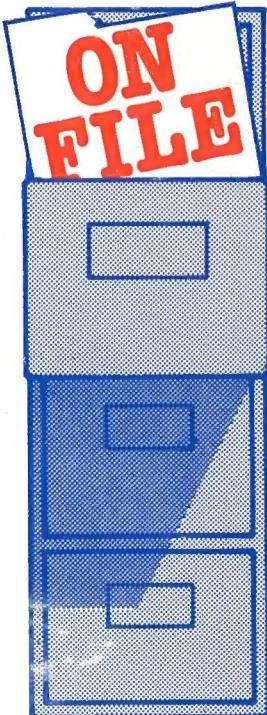
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WHAT will it be like next season, if, as is possible, football comes off T.V. and we are all deprived of the nonsense spouted by those enemies of the English language, the commentator. A recently published book called "Colemanballs" highlights the numerous bits of nonsense we have to suffer from these hard working gentlemen. One classical quote came during a Nottingham Forest match a couple of years ago when the commentator declared "I'd like to be a fly on Larry Lloyd's shorts at the moment". But perhaps the most famous faux-pas belongs to David Coleman who referred to Asa Hartford as "a whole hearted player". (Asa is famous for having had a "hole in the heart" condition).

But it is probably after the match in their interviews with managers and players that Mr. Coleman and his pals have shown their ability to simplify to the point of stupidity. "How do you feel" they ask the innocent young player, "you've just scored the winning goal in the F.A. Cup final, it's your twenty-first birthday and your wife has just given birth to a healthy baby boy?" The answer is of course, "Over the moon, Brian".

Fellow readers of the *Guardian* newspaper will know that over the last couple of weeks, great debate has been going on over the origin of this phrase and of its negation, "Sick as a parrot". The former is derived, as we all know, from the nursery rhyme about the Cat and the Fiddle, but the parrot connection is more

complicated. It was a Mr. G.R. Davis of Swindon who came up with the answer. In a letter he writes "The question of the vomiting polly is almost certainly explained by parrots and parakeets, when in breeding condition, regurgitating food for their mates. If no mate is available, it is not unknown for the bird to regurgitate on the perch or floor". So now you know.

Football continues to come up with classic phrases, the latest of which I first heard when young David Lowe shouted during a match what I thought was "It'dio". It turned out that this is not a buddhist incantation or somebody's nickname but is the latest catch phrase "Hit the hole", the meaning of which should be obvious to us all. Football pitches are full of holes which have to be hit to ensure the smooth running of the game. One wonders what players did before managers noticed these holes which required a good beating.

The final word must go, however, to Mr. Mark Reynolds of Manchester who, again in the letters column of the "Guardian" wrote as follows. "Sir—To me the most puzzling term of footballing interviews is the accolade of 'The Boydon Well', often awarded by managers. I can find no reference to it in books on geomorphology or of the National Trust — Yours faithfully"

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# COMMERCIAL COLUMN

THE last time I wrote the Commercial Column was just prior to the New Year. Since then there have been quite a few comings and goings within the department earlier this year one of our couriers, Deirdre Phillipotts, left us to work nearer home with hours that she found to be more suitable. Around the same time Mr. Frank Dorgan joined the department as a lottery canvasser, and just recently Carol Liptrot filled the couriers vacancy. We wish them both "all the best" for a successful future with the club.

As for myself, I have agreed to continue as Commercial Manager until such time the club decide to find a replacement. During the interim period I shall endeavour to run the department as efficiently as possible, and together with our present team of hard workers we hope to keep the flag flying.

I am pleased to report that so far this year the department has enjoyed a reasonable amount of success. However, to be complacent about the situation would be

disastrous. Although the lottery sales have increased, there is still a long way to go to reach our target. Supporters, agents and locals, some not involved with the club, have responded to our appeals, and it is hoped you will continue to give your support in this way. About thirty more lottery agents are still required if we are to have any hope of reaching our target. As I have stressed on many occasions, the success of the lottery helps to ensure the survival of Wigan Athletic.

The food hampers have gone reasonably well, but again we did not reach our target. However, as this is a new venture, our target may have been over ambitious, and next year we hope to at least treble this year's figure.

The drinks hampers' started this month, and anybody wishing to obtain details should call in the Commercial Office after the game or 'phone me on 43067.

Finally, if you wish to be a lottery agent, please 'phone me on the same number, or pop in anytime to have a chat.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,  
Ken Wood,  
Commercial Manager.

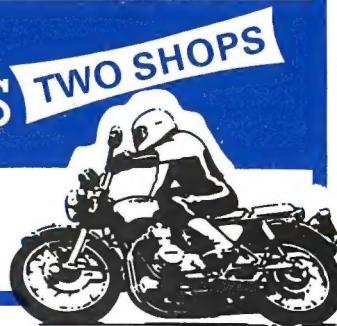
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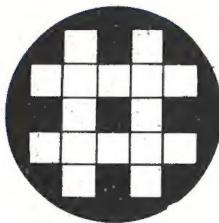
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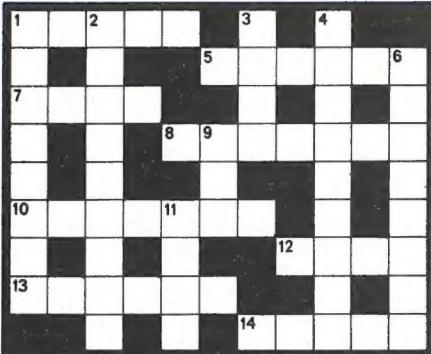


# PUZZLE PAGE



## ON THE BALL No. 22

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.  
**---** Cattlin, old Coventry man; Charlie **---**; old Chelsea idol; Soccer magazine; Former Bristol City boss.



## CLUB CLUE No. 22

Solve this cryptic club to identify a famous foreign club

**Do they turn on the power in Romania?**

## MIXED DOUBLES No. 22

Re-order the letters in each of the words **TARTNESS** and **VANES** to find the names of two men called Clive.

## QUICK QUIZ No. 22

- When was the FA Cup final staged at Highbury?
- Which two Rowleys managed Shrewsbury?
- Who won 7-2 at Scunthorpe in 1982 (in Ian Botham's first full League match for the home club)?
- Who are 'The Blue and Whites'?
- Which club won a hat-trick of European Cups without conceding any goals in the finals?

## SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 22 (compiled by David Peck)

### ACROSS

- Keeper **---** Jones has clocked up around 600 League games for various clubs (5)
- Former Northern Ireland defender who spread his 400 games over three B's — Bolton, Brighton and Bradford City (6)
- Read the referee, perhaps (4)
- Defender who was with Palace in the 1960s, Orient for much of the 1970s, and went into the 1970s with Norwich (7)
- Moved up the table (7)
- kick (4)
- World Cup Willi (he played against England at Wembley in 1966 and at Leon in 1970) (6)
- Striker with Dundee United for the last ten years and frequently on target for them (5)

### DOWN

- Successfully votes that a club should retain its League status (2-6)
- His record 592 appearances for Wrexham sandwiched a few for Arsenal (9)
- Vasco da **---**, Rio club whose stars in recent years have included Brazil striker Roberto (4)
- Defender who notched up 200 Newport turn-outs for a century for Swindon before passing the ton for Portsmouth in 1982 (9)
- Striker who divided his appearances and goals roughly fifty-fifty between Plymouth (1960s) and Portsmouth (1970s) (8)
- The number of goals Cameroon conceded in the World Cup finals (3)
- McGarry, maybe (4)

**Answers on page 12.**



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# THE LOCAL VIEW



THERE were surprises galore in the Second Round of Wigan Amateur League's Laithwaite Shield.

Chief among these was the shock defeat of Bethel FC by Aspull Reserves — only a fortnight after Bethel had beaten Aspull's first team. Crossland scored a first half goal and then Aspull hung on bravely to win by that single goal.

Other surprises were the 3-1 defeat of Premier Division Greenough Street by Third Division Castle Hill United, and Division Two's Newburgh United's win over previously undefeated ST. Judes from Division One.

But although their Laithwaite Shield ambitions have been curtailed St. Judes still have a seven point lead at the top of the First Division — largely thanks to the best defensive record in the entire League, conceding just ten goals in their nineteen games.

At the top of the Premier Division Bethel can console themselves after their exit with their three-point lead at the top. Three points behind, however, are Aspull and even more threatening are Wigan Youth, who are four points behind but have three games in hand on

BY GEOFF KEMP

each of the top two. Struggling at the bottom of the Division are Lamberhead, Heinz 57 and Bispham — all yet to reach double figures in points.

In the Second Division Newburgh United lead with 34 points to Bryn Gates' 32 and Scholes United's 28. Newburgh's supremacy owes much to their scoring record — 108 goals in just 18 games, an average of six goals a game.

In the Third Division Castle Hill United lead by six points from Ashton Rangers and Standish LGCL Res. with Standish also possessing a useful two games in hand.

In the Youth Division all the limelight this season has gone to Birchley Youth and Chorley Youth, who both made it to the final of the LFA Youth Cup, but in fact it is Poolstock who lead the Division with 24 points from 16 games. However, their position is far from secure since Birchley and Chorley have seen their cup involvement leave them with four and three games in hand respectively. Birchley are currently in second place with 22 points while Chorley are close behind with 20 points.

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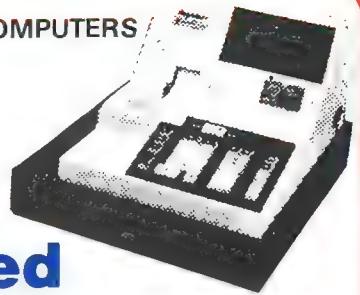
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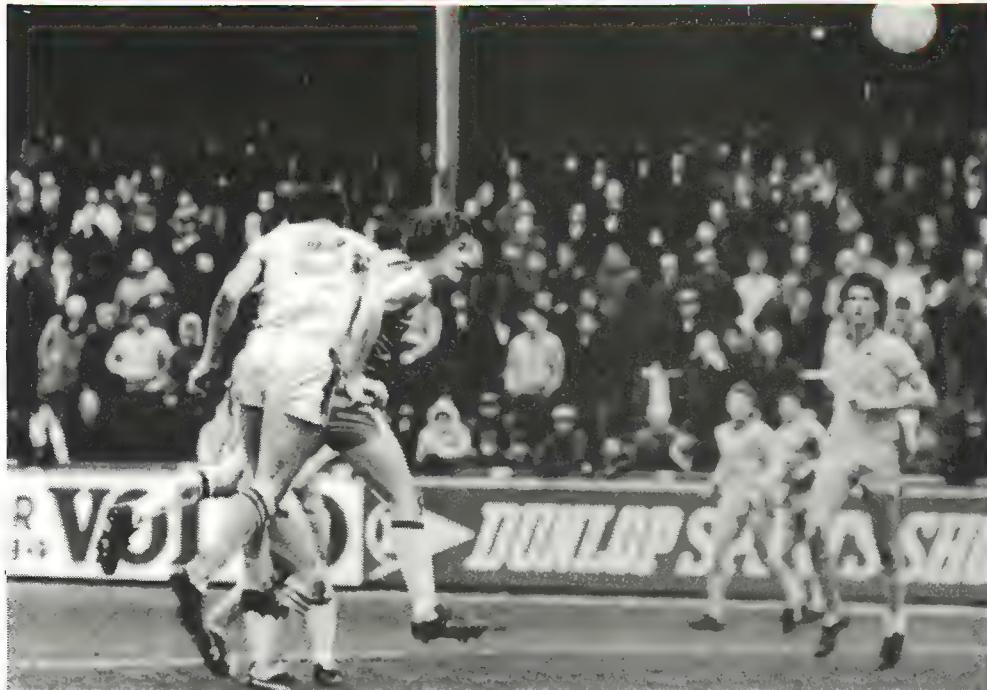
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John Butler heads home Wigan's first goal against Reading. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.

# What the papers say...

## THE SUNDAY MIRROR

WIGAN ATHLETIC 2 READING 2

Wigan had victory snatched from their grasp with virtually the last kick of the match. Roy Tunks hesitated in going for a corner and defender Michael Barnes stabbed in the equaliser.

Reading had snatched a shock 15th minute lead with dangerman Mick Doherty doing the damage from 10 yards.

And Wigan found their luck was out.

But three minutes into the second half John Butler equalised with a classic header from a superb David Glenn cross.

Then, in the 75th minute, Lawrie Sanchez pushed Graham Barrow in the back as he went up to challenge for a corner and skipper O'Keefe hammered in his 15th goal of the season from the penalty spot.

## THE NEW OF THE WORLD

### Wigan in Last-Gasp Shocker

Wigan threw away two points as Reading equalised with almost the last kick of the match.

Despite going behind after 15 minutes, Wigan were always in command but lacked the killer punch.

With winger Kevin Sheldon turning Reading inside out, Wigan

had Reading struggling early on and striker Peter Houghton wasted a glorious chance, screwing his shot wide. But it was Reading who took the lead against the run of play, former Wigan striker Mick Doherty firing them into the lead after 15 minutes.

Reading 'keeper Alan Judge turned a close-range shot from Eamon O'Keefe for a corner, then O'Keefe rapped the cross-bar with a 25-yard scorcher.

Young John Butler rose high to head a David Glenn cross into the net for Wigan's equaliser after 48 minutes, and three more efforts were scrambled off the Reading line before Wigan took the lead they deserved.

Graham Barrow was pushed inside the box by Lawrie Sanchez as he rose to meet a Jimmy Weston corner, and from the penalty spot O'Keefe blasted Wigan in front after 75 minutes.

The result looked a formality as Wigan strolled through the final 15 minutes. Then, right on full-time, up popped Mike Barnes to thump in the equaliser from a Stuart Beavon corner.

## THE SUNDAY MIRROR

Newport County 1 Wigan

Athletic 0.

Lancashire lad John Aldridge grabbed his 19th goal of the season to send Wigan tumbling to defeat.

Liverpool born Aldridge struck up early as the second minute when he

nodded in a chip from Welsh Under-21 International, Steve Lowndes.

Wigan could never match Newport's flair and pace in midfield and had three players booked before half time — Steve Walsh, David Glenn and Peter Houghton.

## THE NEW OF THE WORLD

### Wigan fight fails

Wigan staged a grandstand finish, but they still failed to produce the goal that would have given them the point that their fight deserved.

Newport, who won 1-0 at Wigan in October, quickly made it clear they were intent on the double.

Their very first move, begun by Neil Bailey in midfield and carried on delightfully by Terry Boyle, John Relish and Steve Lowndes, ended with Aldridge heading home his 19th goal of the season.

Coming so early in the game a goal glut seemed to be in prospect, however, after that first lapse, Wigan proved a difficult team to beat.

In a frantic last fling Wigan threw everyone forward and Newport were fortunate to survive as Colin Methven sent one just over the woodwork.

# What you say...

## Reading

Brian Sabin, Kimberley Street, Wigan.

"We didn't play badly but we gave another daft goal away. I'm fed up with dropping daft points at home. It's not as though we are out of our depth or out played by the opposition".

Les Bradd.

"It was definitely not our day. You could tell the luck was against us. We could have won 5-1".

Newport

Brian Sabin (again)

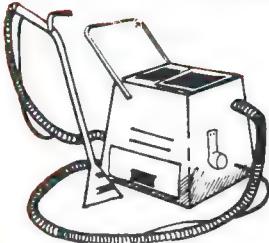
"They caught us on the hop in the opening minutes before we'd had a

chance to settle. After that we looked solid but I think we went too defensive with five men across the back, but we definitely deserved a point. Barrow, Methven and Glenn all had great games, as did David Lowe who was running about up front like nobody's business.

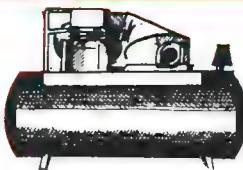
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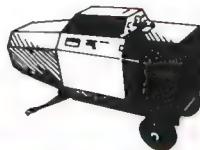


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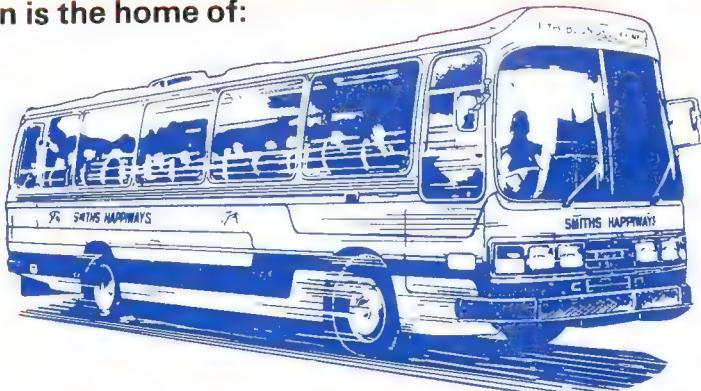


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# Today... in town today...

# ORIENT



## ORIENT F.C. — SEASON 1982-83

**Back Row:** (Left to right): Steve Parsons (no longer with Club); David Peach, John Bolle, Bill Roffey, Rob longer with Club), Barry Silkman. **Middle Row:** Bill Songhurst (Physiotherapist), Keith Houchen, Nigel Shoemake, Mervyn Day, Stuart Hinchcliffe (no longer with Club); Colin Foster, Keith Osgood, Dario Development Officer). **Front Row:** Robert Vincent (no longer with Club), Tommy Cunningham, Mark McNe Mankelow, Steve Castle, Malcolm Hawkes, Peter Smith, John Cornwall, Andy Sussex, David Manning.

WE welcome today, for the very first time, our visitors from East London, the Orient Football Club.

The Club was founded by clerks of the Orient Shipping Company, later to become the P & O Group. They played their first matches at Millfields Road, Clapton and as they grew, they moved to a larger ground named Whittles Whippet, where two railway coaches provided the dressing facilities. The Club entered the London League around 1896 and as they increased in strength, they gained professional status and later played in Division 2 of the Southern

League.

In 1902, the Club moved again to Millfields in Clapton and three years later gained entry to the Football League, playing in the Second Division. They moved again in 1930, this time to Lea Bridge Road and eventually to their present ground, Leyton Stadium. They have played under three names, Clapton Orient which changed to Leyton Orient in 1946, which became Orient in 1966.

Season 1961/62 saw Orient finish runners-up in the Second Division and gain promotion to the First, but their stay was short lived, the Club

suffered mixed fortune in the Sixties and they slipped into the Division. It was in 1972 that they returned to the Second Division, four years later, one of the best seasons in their history. They made club history by reaching the Semi-Final of the FA Cup, beating Norwich City, Liverpool, and Chelsea and Middlesbrough before eventually losing to West Ham United in the final. The 1977/78 season was another good one, with Orient finishing runners-up in the Second Division. In the 1981/82 season, Orient were relegated to the Third Division, after 12 years in Division One. JOHN CORNWELL

# in town today... in town



Apprentice in August 1981 after having been an Associated Schoolboy with the Club. John made his Football League debut v. Norwich City in May 1982, whilst still an Apprentice.

**MERVYN DAY** — Born Chelmsford, Essex. Mervyn signed for West Ham United as an Apprentice in July 1971, signing as a Professional during March 1973. He made his League debut for them v. Ipswich Town in August 1973 and played over 200 matches for West Ham United before signing for Orient in July 1979. He was ever-present during the 1981/82 season and received the Supporters Player of the Year award in May 1982.

**COLIN FOSTER** — Born Chislehurst, Kent. Signed as an Apprentice in July 1980 and made his football League debut v. Grimsby Town in January 1982 whilst still an Apprentice. Scored his first goal v. Huddersfield Town in February 1982 on the same day as he signed as a Professional. Colin made 23 appearances for Orient last season and was awarded the Young Player of the Year.

**KEVIN GODFREY** — Born Kennington, London. A product of South London Schools football, Kevin signed as an Apprentice in the Summer of 1976 and as a professional in March 1977. He made his Football League debut v. Oldham in January 1978. Like Mervyn Day, Kevin was ever-present during the 1981/82 season and finished top goal-scorer with 8 goals.

**NIGEL GRAY** — Born Fulham, London. A product of West London Schools football. Nigel first joined Orient as an Associated Schoolboy and went on to sign Apprentice forms when he left school in July 1973. He made rapid progress in the Youth team and was signed as a Professional in April 1974. His Football League debut was made against Bolton Wanderers in April the

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following year and since that time has made over 200 appearances for the Club.

**KEITH HOUCHEN** — Born Middlesbrough. Whilst with his previous Club, Hartlepool, Keith made over 130 appearances and scored 47 goals for them. He signed on the transfer deadline date with Orient in March 1982 and made his Football League debut with them v. Queens Park Rangers in April. His first goal for the Club was scored in May v. Chelsea.

**MARK McNEIL** — Born Bethnal Green, London. Another former Associated Schoolboy, Mark signed as an Apprentice in July 1979. He made rapid progress and signed as a Professional in December of the same year. His League debut for the Club was v. Crystal Palace in September 1981 and his first goal was against Leicester City in November 1981. Whilst a Youth team player, Mark frequently attended England Youth training sessions.

**DAVID PEACH** — Born Bedford. David began his career as a player with Gillingham before becoming an outstanding fullback with Southampton with whom he won an F.A. Cup Winners Medal in 1976. David joined Orient after receiving a free transfer from Swindon Town and made his debut for the Club v. Luton Town during the same month of March 1982.

**ANDY SUSSEX** — Born Enfield, Middlesex. Andy is a former Associated Schoolboy who signed as an Apprentice in July 1981. He made his debut in November of that year at the age of 16 against Sheffield Wednesday and scored the second goal in a 3-0 victory. Andy went on to play a further 7 matches during the 1981/82 season.

**NIGEL DONN** — Born Bearsted, Kent. A Midfield player formerly with Gillingham. Spent the summer of 1982 playing in Finland before signing for Orient in August 1982.

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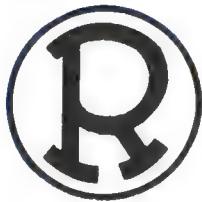
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### PLAYER OF THE SEASON

All the votes are now in and counted for the Player of the Season Award. No, I'm not going to tell you who's won it, you'll have to come and find out yourself from Elton Welsby.

Why not bring Mum and Dad with you, they are very welcome, come to think of it, get them to bring the Instamatic, you never know, you might get a photo of your favourite player, or even me, you never can tell!

### SOCCKER

Just a quick word of thanks to all those involved in our two soccer teams. In what is our first season in League football, both teams are flying high. The under-12's, under the guidance of Maureen and Geoff Gregory and David Smith have reached the final of the Martlet Cup, and are second in the League.

The under-13's are in the semi-final of the League Cup and are second in the Warrington Hilden League under the management team of Peter Jackson and Keith Blundell.

Many thanks to you all and to Billy Addison, our trainer supreme, from myself, the boys and some grateful Mums and Dads.

### MATCHDAY MASCOT

Our mascot for today is Paul Shoobridge. Paul is 13 years old and attends ST. Peters Orrell School. His hobbies include football and snooker. His favourite player is Eamon O'Keefe, and Paul plays football for Birchley Under-14's.

Have a nice day Paul.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



# JUNIOR LATICS



# Half Time Gossip

The 1983/84 Football League Season starts on Saturday, 27th August, with the League Cup First Round, (First Leg) during the mid-week following. The First Round of the F.A. Cup is on 19th November.

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Two changes in Football League regulations are proposed for next season. The first is to allow home teams to keep all of the home gate takings, which, whilst unpopular with some clubs, should be accepted by the A.G.M. in June. The second is more controversial and proposes that teams should have two substitutes per match, making squads of thirteen. Various arguments are expected against such a change, but the most novel suggests that no player will want to play with the unlucky number 13 on his back.

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Latest club to face closure due to lack of finance is Newport County. As can be seen from last week's gate against Latics, even their promotion push and good cup run has failed to pull in good crowds and the Directors have stated that unless £100,000 is found within three weeks, the club will close down at the end of the season.

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You heard it first! Jimmy Greenoff's move to Rochdale would have come as no surprise to readers of Springfield Scene, in which it was predicted two days before Peter Madden was sacked.

Just in case the local paper is still on strike by the time we publish Springfield Scene, we thought we had better let you know of David Lowe's selection for the England Youth Team to play the Combined Services at Aldershot on Tuesday next. David travels down on Monday and will spend the night with the Army. He has been strictly advised not to sign anything whilst he's down there, otherwise he might end up playing for Falklands Athletic!

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Les Bradd's decision to retire from professional football at the end of the season was mentioned on Radio Trent, the Nottingham radio station. News travels fast, however, and within twenty-four hours, four non-league clubs from various part of the Midlands contacted him with a view to signing him for next year.

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Bobby Charlton keeps telling people he is too old to play League football, but his performances over the last fortnight suggest otherwise. Having run a "half-marathon" (thirteen miles) a week last Sunday, he turned out in a testimonial match on the Tuesday after, played in another one the day after that and then again in Bob Ward's Testimonial against West Bromwich Albion last Tuesday. Not bad for a so-called "retired" footballer.

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Steve Walsh's booking at Newport County took him on to 22 penalty points, which means that he is automatically suspended for next Sunday's game against Millwall, a one match ban.

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Happy 17th Birthday David Coyle on the 20th March. From Mum, Dad and Stephen.

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Belated Happy Birthday Mark, from Mum, Dad, Stephen, Julie and David.

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Peter Houghton turns on the style, and rides the tackle with ease against "The Royals".

**BELOW:**

David Glenn takes on a Reading defender. Photos by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.





*Steve Walsh puts in a good header under pressure against Reading. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.*



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# Player Profile



GRAHAM BARROW

# Central League



## Wigan Athletic 3, Notts County 1

Tuesday, 8th March, 1983

Three spectacular goals from youngster David Lowe and the return to the Latics colours of old campaigner Les Bradd made this match one to remember for the 300 spectators who attended on a mild evening for the time of year. Larry Lloyd used this match to practice a new formation based on three defenders, but the players had trouble adapting to the set up in the first ten minutes and it was only when the manager left his seat in the box and shouted, (as only he can shout) his instructions from the touch line that the Latics settled down. Mr. Lloyd's main message was for Phil Williams to play as an out and out left-winger and once he adopted that position, the Latics look unstoppable. Williams played a part in all three goals but it was the individual skill of David Lowe that caused the downfall of the Notts County side. His second goal has got to be one of the best seen at Springfield Park. A long ball from Williams into space near the left touchline half-way into the County half was picked up by young Lowe. Beating the approaching full-back he made it to the corner flag, seemed about to cross but cut in, beat two men and hit a magnificent shot from just inside the box which left the County goalkeeper grasping at air. A tremendous goal which marked a tremendous match.

**The team —**

CRIBBLEY	LANGLEY	TUNKS	WALSH
CONNING		BRADD	ASPINALL
PHILLIPS		LOWE	WILLIAMS
		SCHOFIELD	

## Manchester City Res. 4 v. Wigan Athletic Res. 1

Tuesday, 15th March, 1983

Although eventually beaten 4-1, the score did not represent the game. It was only late in the game that the strong Manchester City side, which included seven first teamers became convincing winners.

Eamon O'Keefe opened the scoring in the 17th minute with a terrific shot from 30 yards, giving the City 'keeper no chance. Wigan stayed in front until the 38th minute when City gained a corner and from the kick McDonald rose high to head the equaliser.

City went in front just before half-time with a simple goal.

In the second half, Wigan battled hard for the equaliser which should have come when O'Keefe was brought down in the penalty area — the referee ignored the appeals. Wigan were well served by Aspinall and Langley. Newcomer Young had a very promising first game.

**The team —**

HATTON	CRIBBLEY	EVANS	WALSH	ASPINALL
SHELDON				SHAW
O'KEEFE	LANGLEY	BUTLER		YOUNG

# *Supporters Club*

# SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon. Welcome to Springfield Park the players, officials and supporters of Orient Football Club. We hope you had a good journey up from London.

## **PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Voting for the Player of the Year will take place at the match v. Wrexham, and the winner will be announced at our Annual Player of the Year Night in the Supporters' Club. A date is yet to be arranged.

## **TEDDY BEAR DRAW**

We would like to thank everyone in supporting the draw for Kenny and Duncan. The winning number for the teddy bear was 222, which was claimed by Mr. Boardman, of Beech Hill, who has kindly donated it back for a future draw. The winning numbers for the hamper and whisky were 862 pink and 81 white, both of which were claimed. Once again, on behalf of Ken and Duncan, many thanks.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

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**Chris Coffey, Chairman.**

# FACTS+FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.  
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.  
† Player substituted.

\*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	Fixture	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1982																	
Aug. 28	<b>LINCOLN CITY</b>	<b>A</b>	1 - 2	3.196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers†	Butler	
Aug. 30	<b>Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)</b>	<b>A</b>	1 - 1	3.418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe <sup>2</sup>	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler	
Sept. 4	<b>BRENTFORD</b>	<b>H</b>	3 - 2	5.012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler	
Sept. 7	<b>BRADFORD CITY</b>	<b>H</b>	3 - 2	5.362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler	
Sept. 11	<b>Cardiff C.</b>	<b>A</b>	2 - 3	3.850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton†	Rogers	Langley	
Sept. 14	<b>STOKEPORT (M.C. 12 leg)</b>	<b>H</b>	6 - 5	4.008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe <sup>3</sup>	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Williams	Rogers	Butler	
Sept. 18	<b>AFC BOURNEMOUTH</b>	<b>H</b>	1 - 2	4.866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Butler	Rogers	
Sept. 25	<b>Chesterfield</b>	<b>A</b>	0 - 2	2.825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Rogers	
Sept. 28	<b>Doncaster Rovers</b>	<b>A</b>	6 - 3	4.457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Bradd	Houghton <sup>3</sup>	Gemmill	Butler	
Oct. 2	<b>PLYMOUTH A.</b>	<b>H</b>	3 - 0	5.011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Lodge	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Glenn
Oct. 5	<b>MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2 1 leg)</b>	<b>H</b>	1 - 1*	12.194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 9	<b>SOUTHEND U.</b>	<b>H</b>	4 - 0	4.704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe <sup>3</sup>	Lloyd	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 16	<b>Bristol R.</b>	<b>A</b>	0 - 4	4.439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Williams
Oct. 19	<b>PORTSMOUTH</b>	<b>H</b>	0 - 1	4.504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 23	<b>Reading</b>	<b>A</b>	1 - 2	2.621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Oct. 27	<b>Manchester City (M.C. 2 2nd leg)</b>	<b>A</b>	0 - 2	16.083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Glenn	Weston	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Butler
Oct. 30	<b>NEWPORT C.</b>	<b>H</b>	0 - 1	4.108	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Weston	Meithven	Meithven	Lodge	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley
Nov. 3	<b>Exeter City</b>	<b>A</b>	1 - 2	2.399	Tunks	Langley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Meithven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Lowe	
Nov. 6	<b>Orient</b>	<b>A</b>	1 - 1	2.226	Tunks	Cribley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Meithven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmill	Langley	
Nov. 13	<b>MILLWALL</b>	<b>H</b>	3 - 1	4.456	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Meithven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton <sup>2</sup>	Gemmill	Sheldon	
Nov. 21	<b>TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st R)</b>	<b>H</b>	0 - 0	4.805	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Meithven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe	
Nov. 23	<b>Telford U (FA Cup 1st Rd Replay)</b>	<b>A</b>	1 - 2	5.085	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Meithven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams†	Lowe	
Nov. 27	<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>A</b>	2 - 0	3.952	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Meithven	Sheldon	Shaw	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Williams	
Dec. 4	<b> SHEFFIELD U.</b>	<b>H</b>	3 - 2	5.015	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Glenn	Meithven	Meithven	Shaw	Steele?	Lowe	Weston	Williams	Weston	
Dec. 18	<b>OXFORD UNITED</b>	<b>H</b>	0 - 1	4.008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Walsh	Meithven	Shaw	Langley	Bradd	Lowell	Weston	Bradd	
Dec. 27	<b>Wrexham</b>	<b>A</b>	1 - 1	4.564	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Glenn	Meithven	Meithven	Shaw	Barrow	Bradd	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd	
Dec. 29	<b>WALSALL</b>	<b>H</b>	1 - 3	4.564	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Glenn	Meithven	Meithven	Shaw	Barrow	Bradd	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd	

\* Goal Scorer  
Caton (own goal)

# FACTS + FIGURES

1983		THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE										1983	
		as at Sunday, 13th March, 1983.											
		Home					Away						
		P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F	A	pts
<b>Preston NE</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>A</b>	1-4	7.560	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langleys	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>HUDDERSFIELD T</b>	<b>Jan. 3</b>	<b>H</b>	2-0	7.641	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Brentford</b>	<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>A</b>	3-1	4.939	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Langleys
<b>LINCOLN CITY</b>	<b>Jan. 16</b>	<b>H</b>	2-1	4.731	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Williams
<b>Bradford City</b>	<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>A</b>	1-0	4.724	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Weston
<b>DONCASTER R</b>	<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>H</b>	0-3	4.387	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Houghton
<b>CHESTERFIELD</b>	<b>Feb. 5</b>	<b>H</b>	2-2	3.009	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Houghton	Butler	Lowe
<b>Plymouth Argyle</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>A</b>	(Called off)	1-0	2.764	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	Houghton	Barrow	Weston
<b>EXETER C</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>H</b>	0-2	2.277	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Southend U</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>A</b>	0-5	3.288	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Weston
<b>BRISTOL ROVERS</b>	<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	16.139	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Houghton
<b>Portsmouth</b>	<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>A</b>	2-2	3.042	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Houghton
<b>READING</b>	<b>Mar. 5</b>	<b>H</b>	0-1	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Weston
<b>Newport C.</b>	<b>Mar. 12</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>ORIENT</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>	<b>H</b>	0-1	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Weston
<b>Millwall</b>	<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Walsall</b>	<b>Apr. 2</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>WREXHAM</b>	<b>Apr. 4</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Sheffield U</b>	<b>Apr. 9</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>CARDIFF CITY</b>	<b>Apr. 16</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Oxford United</b>	<b>Apr. 23</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>GILLINGHAM</b>	<b>Apr. 30</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Huddersfield T</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>AFC Bournemouth</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>PRESTON NE</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Wrexham</b>	<b>May 21</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>WIGAN ATHLETIC</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Brentford</b>	<b>May 29</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>A.F.C. Bournemouth</b>	<b>May 30</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Exeter City</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Walsall</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Reading</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Gillingham</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Orient</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Chesterfield</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Doncaster Rovers</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Preston North End</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>A</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe
<b>Millwall</b>	<b>May 31</b>	<b>H</b>	0-0	3.663	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Cribley	Walsh	McInnes	Barrow	Butler	Lowe

# Comments from the Chair



*"From the Chair" this week comes from the pen of Director, Bobby Charlton.*

GOOD afternoon and a warm welcome to our guests today from Orient. Football these days is taking a lot of knocking from all sides, but I happen to believe that it's still the greatest game in the world. Bob Ward's Testimonial Match in midweek showed all that was good about the game, with players showing plenty of commitment and the small but enthusiastic crowd showing their appreciation. I was lucky enough to be playing and was able to get a closer look at our lads. We have got some good young players who have the right kind of application and that can only mean that we have got better times ahead and can look forward to the future with optimism. And the same can be said for football in general. Anyone watching cup-ties or top of the table tussles in any of the four divisions can see that there is nothing as exciting as soccer. We all remember the excitement of our own promotion battles last season and those days will surely be repeated in the future.

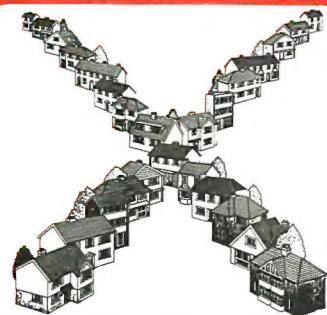
The debate over televised football will be hotting-up in the near future and I hope the T.V. companies come up with a good deal. If

they don't, I am sure the clubs will opt for no televised matches next season, and, to be honest, I would not lose any sleep if the screens were blank. The amount of games on at the moment means we are flooded with it and that is not particularly desirable. The initial euphoria with darts and snooker on T.V. seems to be over and there is always a danger that over-exposure will begin to bore the public.

And so in these days when football has few friends, I am going to put my hand up and say that the future is bright because the game is a good one. Here at the Latics, there is still a lot to appreciate, with the young players coming on all the time and even if promotion is out for this season, the lads still need your support. I would end by congratulating David Lowe on his selection for England Youth and by hoping that you all enjoy a good game this afternoon.

All the best,

**Bobby Charlton.**



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